

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 1146-01  
Bill No.: HB 398  
Subject: Fire Protection Districts; Ambulance Service  
Type: Original  
Date: February 19, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None			
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.

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## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **St. Charles City Fire Department** state this proposal would have no impact on their operations.

Officials from the **Department of Health (DOH)** assume this proposal would not additionally impact the DOH because these ambulance services are already licensed by the Department.

Officials from the **Eureka Fire Protection District** state that with voter approval, the use of this service may be slow to start and as the local skills nursing facilities become more familiar, the use would increase. Eureka Fire Protection District officials estimate increased revenue of \$31,000 in 2002, \$70,000 in 2003 and \$100,000 in 2004.

Eureka Fire Protection District officials also assume there would be additional costs incurred for staff and vehicle (ambulance). A reserve ambulance could be utilized and off duty staff used at an overtime rate.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal is permissive and would have no fiscal impact unless the fire district board would be authorized by voter approval to provide non-emergency ambulance service and to charge a fee for that service.

**Oversight** assumes the Fire Protection Districts that would provide these services would establish a user fee that would be sufficient to cover the costs of providing non-emergency ambulance services thereby resulting in no fiscal impact.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
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### **CERTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS**

<u>Revenue</u> - User fees for non-emergency ambulance service*	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
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<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
<u>Costs</u> - election, administration, and other for providing non-emergency services	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>	<u>(Unknown)</u>
<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO CERTAIN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS *</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**\*Oversight assumes fire protection districts that provide non-emergency ambulance service would establish a user fee in an amount that would defray all costs of providing that service, which would result in zero fiscal impact. This proposal is permissive. Voter approval would be required to provide non-emergency ambulance services.**

#### FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

#### DESCRIPTION

This proposal allows, upon voter approval, fire protection districts which provide emergency ambulance service to also provide non-emergency ambulance service and to charge a fee exclusively for the ambulance service. The fire district is prohibited from using fire district funds for the non-emergency ambulance service.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

St. Charles City Fire Department  
Department of Health  
Eureka Fire Protection District

**NOT RESPONDING: LeMay Fire Protection District; Mehlville Fire Protection District, Chesterfield Fire Protection District, Raytown Fire Protection District.**

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Director

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